

Forest City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hoover visited relatives in the country, Sunday.

Mrs. Eifer and Miss Grace have returned from a visit in Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Commodore Devault visited relatives in Kansas over Sunday.

Mrs. E. P. Turney returned Sunday morning from a visit in St. Joseph.

W. R. Long, of Hamburg, Iowa, was the guest of relatives here over Sunday.

Miss Lottie Williams spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Savannah.

Mrs. Pearl Patton and children were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mosier, Sunday.

Mrs. Lease and Mrs. McGuire have both been quite poorly the last couple of weeks with the grippe.

Mrs. Ed Gillis and children, of Mound City, visited relatives here from Friday until Monday.

Albert Limpp attended the funeral of his uncle, John Limpp, in Mound City, Friday of last week.

Henry Acton, Jr., has been quite sick with the grippe for a few days, but is convalescing at this writing.

There will be services at the M. E. Church, Sunday, morning and evening, conducted by Rev. C. C. Miller.

Mrs. Gilbert Murry and Mrs. A. H. Acton, of Crescent, Oklahoma, visited at the H. L. Acton home, Monday.

Misses Edna Hopper, Grace Eifer and Bettie Heeler spent Sunday at the Landers home, the guests of Miss Edith and Miss Lola Landers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wallace, Mrs. Mary Thornhill and little daughter, Leona, visited relatives in Mound City, Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Tucker, who has been very low with pneumonia, is recovering. Mrs. Crawford, a professional nurse from this city, attended her.

The many friends of Mr. Wodde will be glad to learn that he is so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to walk out in the yard again.

Chris Gifford and Miss Maude Thornhill were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Speer to Mound City and return home, Sunday in Mr. Gifford's car.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Fitzmaurice and children, Margery and Beeler, and Miss Bettie F. Heeler attended "Hamlet", which was given in St. Joseph, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lainborn have returned to their home in Wasco, Oregon, after an extended visit with relatives here and in Oregon and Mound City. Mrs. Lainborn was formerly Miss Hattie Heeler, of this city.

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M. E. Church Notes.

It was encouraging to note the increased attendance at Sabbath school, Sunday morning. The class song by Mrs. Dillon's class was nicely rendered. Classes 3, 7 and 12 had perfect attendance, Class No. 5 being banner class for collection.

One-half the subscription for the Missouri Wesleyan College are now due according to the terms on which they were taken. The pastor will receipt you if you wish to pay it.

The programs for the David Livingston Easter service are on hand. They are nicely and entertainingly gotten up and will furnish a fine evening's entertainment.

Next Sunday morning, Rev. J. J. Bentley, of St. Joseph, will occupy the pulpit. The regular monthly union services will be held at night.

PASTOR.

The board of railroad and warehouse commissioners called a meeting for Saturday, March 1, at Corning to consider the matter of an additional passenger train on the Corning-Westboro branch of the Burlington. This was the earliest time that could be set and allow for the legal ten-day notice. "We rescinded the order for the additional train on the main line," said Knott, "because we didn't want to go to court and get beaten."

George P. Bellows, 45 years old, a member of one of Missouri's most prominent families, and known all over the United States as an auctioneer of blooded livestock, was instantly killed two miles south of Maryville at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Feb. 17th, when the automobile he was driving turned turtle. There was no one in the car with Bellows. The steering gear of the car failed to work. W. J. Glass and son, Paul, of Forest City, saw the accident.

A number of our citizens were delightfully entertained at the witching hour of night, Tuesday night of this week, by the Mound City Mandolin and Glee club, consisting of eight members, who made most charming vocal and instrumental music. The band and tenor voice of a high order, and the songwriters, proprietors acknowledge their skill. The club is making arrangements to favor their people with a minstrel show in the near future, and we predict it will be great.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 23

ABRAM AND LOT.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 13:1-12. GOLDEN TEXT—"The blessing of Jehovah, it maketh rich; and He addeth no sorrows therewith."—Prov. 10:22.

During the time that intervened between this and last week's lesson we read of Abram's journey "down into Egypt," a story that is rich with suggestive typical lessons. Abram's deceit is discovered by Pharaoh and he is driven from Egypt. Fear is the root of unbelief, and when we fall we are sure to carry some one with us. But a man's sin is sure to be discovered, so it was that "Pharaoh commanded his men, and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had." Egypt, a type of the world, turned Abram out (12:20) when he tried the "good Lord good devil" mode of life. Compromise and separation are not compatible.

Lesson's Picture.

I. "Up Out of Egypt," vv. 1-5. Again we have presented the lesson of separation. This portion is a great picture of repentance. Abram carried with him not only his own possessions but also those of his nephew Lot. Notice Abram's wealth did not make him acceptable in Egypt. The world desires not alone the wealth of a man, but also the man back of the wealth.

Again Abram turns from conflict into Bethel, the house of God, that place of confession, of consecration, and of encouragement.

These returning pilgrims were not ordinary men, no more is the man who is in Christ, and God was already given evidence of the blessing promised to Abram (12:2) and of that material blessing so definitely promised to the descendants of Jacob. We read (v. 6) "their substance was great." But there is far greater danger however in material prosperity than in adversity. This was a greater danger to these pilgrims than that of the Canaanites who dwell in the land.

II. "And There Was Strife," vv. 5-9. The evidence of this danger manifested itself when it was found that the land could not support both Abram and Lot (v. 6). Paul calls Timothy's attention to this same danger (1 Tim. 6:9), and we are constantly seeing it illustrated all about us.

Lot's History.

Lot was journeying with Abram rather than with Jehovah (12:3), doubtless in a great measure he was governed by cupidity and selfishness when he beheld Abram's prosperity. Millions in America profit by the security and the prosperity of this which so nearly approaches a Christian nation and yet in scorn or in neglect refuse to believe in or to serve the God who sends the blessing. The whole history of Lot is one of selfishness, which later resulted in sorrow and sadness and in his being shorn of all of his selfishly acquired prosperity. Lot had no particular claim upon Abram nor have we in our own right, or because of our own merit, upon or be caused of our own merit, upon God.

There is so little that divides most of us and so much that we hold in common that it is but little short of criminal to waste our energy upon that which is ephemeral or of slight importance. What a difference in the choice of Lot and that of Abram. One entered into the path of the wicked, Prov. 4:14, 15, while the other into the path that "shineth more and more unto the perfect day," Prov. 4:18.

III. "And Lot . . . Beheld All the Plain of Jordan," vv. 10-13. Lacking the counsel and guidance of Jehovah Lot followed the choice that which was pleasing to the eyes and made a sorry mess of it, for in the end he was a great loser. Already the land was doomed (v. 10) and so today the man who chooses the world in preference to Christ makes a bad bargain (1 John 2:17) and the greater condemnation is his for he makes his choice in the blinding light of nearly twenty centuries of the Gospel. Lot made a willing compromise, a superficial choice and came near losing his own soul, Matt. 16:26, 27. He deliberately entered into danger when he "pitched his tent towards Sodom." The believers' peril is worldliness. Lot's journey (v. 11) led at last to Sodom v. 12.

Abram aspired to know God. Lot had an ambition to possess the things of time and sense. Abram coveted righteousness (Matt. 5). Lot coveted success in this life only. Well has Goethe exclaimed, "Choose well; your choice is brief and yet it is endless." Eternity alone will reveal the results of our choice of surroundings, upon ourselves, upon our families and upon our friends.

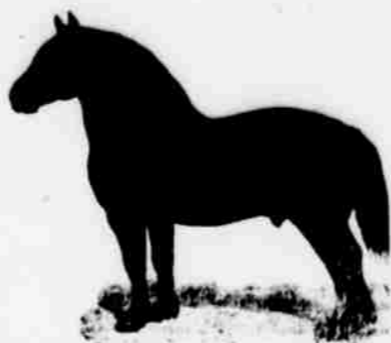
IV. "Lift Up Thine Eyes," vv. 14-18. After separation comes fellowship and fruitfulness. God invited Abram to arise and to inspect his promised possessions. So may we contemplate the vast possessions God has promised us in Christ Jesus, Rom. 8:17, 2 Cor. 4:18. After our separation and our fellowship comes true fruitfulness and prosperity. 1 Tim. 4:18. Abram went to Hebron (which means fellowship), and there in the midst of Mamre (which means fatness) he built an altar unto God. Worship and sacrifice go hand in hand today as they did in ages past.

PUBLIC SALE!

I will sell at public auction on my place at Forbes, Missouri, on

Tuesday, February 25, 1913

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.



7 HORSES AND MULES.

1 pair of horses, 8 years old, weight 3200 pounds, 1 saddle horse, 7 years old; 1 span black mules, 9 years old, weight 2600 lbs.; 1 span of aged mules, weight about 2400.



30 Head of Extra Good Milch Cows

Farming Implements:

Three farm wagons, 1 rubber tired road wagon, 1 bob sled, 3 sets of work harness, 1 set of buggy harness, 1 set of single harness, 2 McCormick binders, 1 Milwaukee mower, 1 McCormick self dump stalk rake, 1 bull rake, 1 Rock Island gang plow, P. & O. corn planter and check rower, 2 Avery riding cultivators, 3 go-devils, 2 walking listers, 1 riding lister, 1 single shovel plow, 1 five-tooth garden plow, 2 hay racks. Household goods and kitchen furniture and included in the sale will be a Kimball piano.

Terms:

\$10 and under, cash. On sums over \$10 a credit of 7 months without interest, if paid when due, if not paid when due, to bear 8 per cent interest from date of sale. 5 cent per off for cash on sums over \$10.

S. D. PULLEN

GEO. H. GRAHAM,
Auctioneer.

J. A. WILLIAMS,
Clerk.

Nickell's Grove.

Ed. Fuhrman and Jonas Buntz attended the Fields sale.

Albert Noelsch and family visited at Dan Fuhrman's, Sunday.

Edward Fuhrman and family visited at Jake Kurtz's, Sunday.

Chas. Smith was calling at the Zachman home, Sunday evening.

Geo. Stephenson and wife spent Sunday with their son, Earl, and family.

James Milne and family, of Forbes, spent Sunday at the Sahlin home.

Chris. Meyer, wife and daughter, Beatrice, visited at H. L. Hersher's, Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Stephenson and Eva Hersher were in St. Joseph, Monday and Tuesday.

The Teachers' Training class has changed from Monday evening to Wednesday evening.

Lee Stephenson and Edward Fuhrman went to Mound City, Saturday, in Mr. Fuhrman's car.

Dan Buntz, wife and daughter, Gladys, spent Sunday with their brother, James and family.

Beulah Fuhrman and Lydia Smith attended the club meeting at Mrs. Albert Markt's, last Thursday.

The members of Y. P. A. served the lunch at Edward Fuhrman's Durce Jersey Hog Sale, Feb. 12. The amount cleared was \$18. Several made remarks about the good things to eat and the good coffee.

The Topic for the Y. P. A. meeting, Sunday, February 23, is: "Mission Work, at Home and Abroad. II. Medical Missions." Following is the program:

Song, "What a Wonderful Saviour!"
Scripture Reading.
Song, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."
A chain of prayer.
Leader's Talk.
Snapshots of Medical Missionary



Reading.
Solo, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus."
Canting.
Leader, Beulah Fuhrman.
Everybody welcome. Meet at 7 p.

Napier and Vicinity.

Well, it will soon be moving day. Who's move is it?

Howard Lent was in Forest City, Monday, on business.

Jack Ogden was a Mound City caller, one day last week.

Mrs. Earl Case visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ogden, one day last week.

Ed. Reiger and wife, of Preston, Neb., spent a few days with L. A. Banks and family.

L. A. Banks had a sale, Monday, the 17th, which was well attended, and things sold real well.

Mrs. Howard Lent and daughter, Mable, visited with her parents, Gillman Walden and wife, Monday.

We are reliably informed that James Walden will work for D. H. Scope, of Blair district, this year.

James Ogden, of White Cloud, Kansas, and his brother spent Friday night with his uncle, Jack Ogden.

J. W. Brown, wife and son, Ansil, returned to their home in Kansas City, Saturday, after a week's visit with relatives here.

Quite a few from this neighborhood attended the L. L. Fields sale in Blair district, Friday, the 14th. Everything sold at a good price. One team of mares sold for \$601. NEMO.

For Sale!

My residence, consisting of 4 rooms, 1 closet, summer kitchen, smoke and wood house, cistern, city water. In good neighborhood, opposite the Methodist church. Price, \$1800. Address, Mrs. ELLEN DEFFENBAUGH, Oregon, Mo.

Lumber for Sale.

Native Lumber, all dimensions, suitable for barns, fencing, etc. See me on the Lawson Spine place, 5 miles southeast of Oregon. Ed. Sims.